

REMARKS

Claims 33 to 52 are pending.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 33-52 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,333, and over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,545,016.

Included herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and 37 CFR 3.73(b). Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Allowance of claims 33-52 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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